

# ***City of Renton***

## ***Board of Park Commissioners***



### ***Meeting Minutes***

September 16, 2014

4:30 p.m. – Renton Community Center—Craft Room B

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

##### **In Attendance**

The following members were present: Cynthia Burns, Larry Reymann, Al Dieckman, Troy Wigestrland, Marlene Winter, Mike O'Donin, Tim Searing

Absent: Sojin Thompson--excused

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Kelly Beymer, Andy O'Brien, Shirley Anderson, Iwen Wang, Peter Renner

Chair, Cynthia Burns, called the September 16, 2014, meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; Troy Wigestrland arrived late and Sojin was absent and excused.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Marlene made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Donin, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the September 16, 2014, agenda was approved.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 2014 minutes as written, all were in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

##### **BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Marlene gave a shout out to the success of the Pooch Plunge.

Mike was not in attendance at the last City Center Plan Meeting and Sojin was absent from the September meeting so unable to give a School Report.

#### **IV. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Terry introduced the Administrator of Finance and IT, Iwen Wang.

#### **V. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

2015/2016 Budget Discussion and B&O Tax Structure—Iwen Wang

Iwen outlined the timeline of the review to consider revenue options and legislation to take effect January 1, 2016, by working with stakeholders and implementation details for Council consideration. Additionally we continue to explore the Regional Fire Authority option to provide sustainable funding for enhanced fire and EMS.

Processes included two Chamber of Commerce forums, meeting with auto dealers and continued dialogue with Boeing and other local businesses. The business community has said they believe the city has used its resources responsibly and they understand additional resources are needed by the city to maintain services and they expressed concerns that reduced service levels would be detrimental to the business environment.

The recommended structure includes a cap of five billion dollars, narrowed non-profit exemptions, head tax exemptions, threshold of 1.5 million per year. A comparison B & O tax chart was shared outlining other cities revenue, reporting threshold and tax rate.

Upcoming Councilmatic action includes the Committee report for consideration, Draft ordinance to Council on October 6, budget public hearing on October 20, and first reading of the Ordinance on October 27 and adoption November 3.

Additional documentation was given on the upcoming recommended CIP Projects, which will be reviewed at the October meeting.\*\*

#### **VI. INFORMATION**

A guest, Karen Dobson, arrived at the meeting at 5:45 and requested to deliver some documents to the Board members and to speak. Terry Higashiyama informed Ms. Dobson that the public comment period was over for this meeting but she was welcomed to attend our next regular scheduled meeting in October and speak during the public comments period. The documents were given to the recording secretary, Sandy Pilat, who assured Ms. Dobson she would make copies and make sure all the Board Members received them prior to the next meeting. *(Note, Full packets were mailed to the Commission Members the following day, September 17, 2014.)*

Leslie Betlach reminded everyone about the upcoming and final Sunset Park Open House meeting on Tuesday, September 23, at McKnight Middle School Commons area.

- VII.** Over 600 volunteers assisted with approximately 32 projects on the Day of Service. Staff will bring pictures next month.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Larry Reymann and seconded by Tim Searing to adjourn the September meeting at 6:05 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

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*Signature*

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**October 14, 2014 @ 4:30 P.M.**

*City Hall Conferencing Center--7<sup>th</sup> Floor*